

A Free Press?

“Nothing but a newspaper can put the same thought at the same time before a thousand readers.”

Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 1848

Could the same free press that unsettled American loyalty to George III now undermine loyalty to the new constitutional government?

Newspapers free from government control seemed essential for citizens to be well informed about public affairs. But newspapers changed dramatically in the 1790s, when America became deeply divided over both foreign and domestic issues. Colonial papers had declared themselves to be above party politics. Now many newspapers became frankly partisan, presenting only one side of every issue, denouncing anyone who disagreed, sometimes printing rumors about the personal lives of the political opposition. What if privately controlled media misinformed the public about issues that voters needed to understand?

Benjamin Franklin identified this printing press as the one that he had used while learning his trade in England in the 1720s. The press became a historical icon through its association with the famous revolutionary. Franklin symbolized the powerful influence of patriot printers in spreading enlightened ideas and mobilizing American colonists toward revolution. Yet his grandson, Benjamin Franklin Bache, faced indictment for printing criticisms of the John Adams Administration in the 1790s.



"Franklin" common press, about 1720

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HISTORICAL.

FEMALE HEROISM and CONJUGAL AFFECTION EXEMPLIFIED,

*In the memorable History of the Sufferings of
Lady HARRIET ACKLAND, the Wife
of Major Ackland, an officer serving under
General Burgoyne. (From the General's
State of the expedition from Canada.)*

BESIDES the continuation of difficulties and general fatigue, this day (October the 8th, 1777) was remarkable for a circumstance of private distress too peculiar and affecting to be omitted.

The circumstance to which I allude, is Lady Harriet Ackland's passage through the enemy's army to attend her wounded husband, then their prisoner.

The progress of this lady with the army could hardly be thought abruptly or superfluously introduced, were it only for the purpose of authenticating a wonderful story. It would exhibit, if well delineated, an interesting picture of the spirit, the enterprize, and the distress of romance, realized and regulated upon the chaste and sober principles of rational love and connubial duty.

But I beg leave to observe besides, that it has direct reference to my subject, to show what the luxuries were, with which (as the world has been taught to believe) the army was incumbered; what were the accommodations prepared for the two thousand women that are gravely supposed in the cross examination, to have followed the baggage. An idea so preposterous, as well as false, would have been a fitter subject for derision than refutation, but that it was maliciously intended; not, I am confident, by the member who asked the questions, but by the persons who imposed upon him, to affect by prejudice, what they despaired of effecting by fact.

I shall, however, consider part of this story as so far unconnected with the immediate business I was upon (pursuing the line of evidence upon the retreat to Saratoga) as to give it in the margin. It may well stand by itself, and I venture to think that this one example of patience, suffering and fortitude

will be permitted to pass without censure or obloquy.

This lady had accompanied her husband to Canada in the beginning of the year 1776. In the course of that campaign she had traversed a vast space of country in different extremities of season, and with difficulties that an European traveller will not easily conceive, to attend in a poor hut at Chamblee, her husband, upon his sick bed.

In the opening of the campaign of 1777, she was restrained from offering herself to share the fatigue and hazard expected before Ticonderoga, by the positive injunctions of her husband. The day after the conquest of that place, he was badly wounded, and she crossed the Lake Champlain, to join him.

As soon as he recovered, Lady Harriet proceeded to follow his fortunes through the campaign, and at Fort Edward, or at the next camp she acquired a two-wheel tumbril, which had been constructed by the artificers of the artillery something similar to the carriages used for the mail upon the great roads of England. Major Ackland commanded the British Grenadiers, which were attached to General Frazer's corps, and consequently were always the most advanced part of the army. Their situations were often so alert that no person slept out of their cloathes. In one of these situations, a tent in which the Major and Lady Harriet were asleep, suddenly took fire. An orderly sergeant of the grenadiers, with great hazard of suffocation dragged out the first person he caught hold of. It proved to be the Major. It happened that in the same instant, she had, unknowing what she did, and perhaps not perfectly awake, providentially made her escape, by creeping under the walls of the back part of the tent. The first object she saw upon the recovery of her senses, was the Major on the other side, and in the same instant again in the fire, in search of her. The sergeant again saved him, but not without the Major being severely burned in his face. Every thing they had in the tent with them was consumed.

This accident happened a little time before the passing of the Hudson's river; it neither altered the resolution or cheerfulness of Lady Harriet; and she continued her progress a

partaker of the fatigues of the advanced corps.

The next call upon her fortitude was of a different nature and more distressful, as of longer suspense. On the march of the 19th of September, the grenadiers being liable to action every minute, she had been directed by the Major to follow the rear of the artillery and baggage, which was not exposed. At the time the action began, she found herself near a small uninhabited hut, where she alighted. When it was found the action became general and bloody, the surgeons of the hospital took possession of the same place, as the most convenient for the first care of the wounded.

Thus was this lady in hearing of one continued fire of cannon, and musquetry for four hours together, with the presumption, from the post of her husband, who was at the head of the grenadiers, that he was in the most exposed part of the action. She had three female companions with her the Baroness of Reidesfel, and the wives of two British officers, Major Harnage, and Lieutenant Reynel. But in the event their presence served but little for comfort. Major Harnage was soon brought to the surgeons very badly wounded, and a little time after, intelligence was brought that Lieutenant Reynel was shot dead. Imagination will want no helps to figure the state of the whole groupe.

From the date of that action to the 7th of October, Lady Harriet with her usual serenity stood prepared for new trials, and it was her lot that their severity increased with their numbers. She was again exposed to the hearing the whole action, and at last received the shock of her individual misfortune, mixed with the intelligence of the general calamity; the troops were redefeated, and Major Ackland, desperately wounded, was a prisoner.

The day of the 8th was passed by Lady Harriet and her companions in common anxiety; not a tent or shed standing, except what belonged to the hospital; their refuge was among the wounded and dying. When the army was upon the point of moving after the halt described; I received a letter from Lady Harriet, submitting to my decision a proposal (and expressing an earnest solicitude

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The Pennsylvania Packet, and Daily Advertiser.

[Price Four-Pence.]

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1789.

[No. 3334.]

THIS DAY,
At the City-Auction Store,
At TWELVE O'CLOCK,
Will be SOLD BY PUBLIC SALE,
Brandy in quarter casks,
Gin in casks,
Molasses in quarter casks,
Bottled ale, &c.

And immediately after,
At the Horse Market in Decidirect, will be sold,
For an approved note at 45 days,
A Pair of Horses, with Harness,
complete. Oct. 7

John Patton, Auctioneer.

TOMORROW,
The 8th Instant, at 9 o'clock in the Morning,
At THE

Northern Liberty Auction Store,
Will commence the Sale of a Large Assortment of
MERCHANDIZE,
And consist as follows, viz.

Cloths and coverings
Flannels
7-2 and 4-4 Irish Linens
Brown do.
Cottons and chintzes
Cottons
Printed Linens
Furniture cottons
Cotton & linen handkerchiefs
4 & 4 muslin do.
The stated Days of Sale will be Thursdays and Mondays.

Wm. Shannon, Auctioneer.

TOMORROW,
Precisely at Two O'clock in the Afternoon,
At the Southward Auction-Store,
Will begin the Sale of a General

Assortment of Merchandise;
Household & Kitchen Furniture, &c.
The stated Days of Sale are Mondays in the Forenoon,
and Tuesdays Afternoon. Oct. 7

A. Hubley & Co. Auctioneers.

On Friday Next,
The 9th Instant,
At THE CITY AUCTION STORE,
WILL BE SOLD,

A Quantity of
Looking Glasses
Of different sizes—from 23 by 20 inches (Dutch mirror)
downwards. Oct. 7

John Patton, Auctioneer.

On Saturday Next,
The 10th Instant,
Will be sold at Public Auction,
At THE CITY AUCTION STORE,
A number of anchors

from 1200 lbs. downwards, and immediately after,
At the Horse-Market on Decidirect, will be sold,
WILL BE SOLD,

A Sulkey and Harness.

Oct. 7

John Patton, Auctioneer.

On Saturday the 10th Instant,
At 12 O'CLOCK, at the Coffee-House,
Will be Sold at Public Vendue,

The Ship Nancy,
At the same time from tea, commanded by
Captain Hall, now lying at Dough
ty's wharf. The Ship Nancy is about 4 years old,
and will carry 2400 barrels flour. Inventory to be
seen at the place of sale, and at the City Auction
Store. Approved Notes at 90 days will be received
in payment. Oct. 7

JOHN PATTON, Auctioneer.

On Friday,
The 6th November, at 2 o'clock, Afternoon,
At Daniel Cooper's Ferry,
In NEW JERSEY,

Opposite the City of Philadelphia,
Will be SOLD BY PUBLIC SALE,
For approved notes at nine and twelve months,
FIFTY PIECES OF

Genuine Madeira Wine,
Warranted neat as imported.

John Chaloner.

Vendue Sales

At Daniel Cooper's Ferry,
NEW JERSEY.

THE subscriber having met with considerable suc-
cess in establishing his Vendue-Store in New-
Jersey, returns his most grateful thanks to those who
have honoured him with their confidence, and also to
those who have attended to his Sales. He begs leave to
inform them and the Public, that in future his Sales
will be conducted at Public Sales in this City, by ex-
pressing the Goods to New-Jersey, and not by Sample, except in
such instances only where it may be more eligible
to Buyer and Seller.

The stated Days of Sale are Mondays in the Forenoon,
and Thursdays in the Afternoon, for Dry
Goods—and Fridays in the Afternoon for Groceries.
Sales at the above Store subject to the following
Terms, to wit:—

Groceries in profit, one and a quarter per cent.
Other Merchandise, two and a half per cent.
Payment the Day after Sale, and Money advanced
required.

John Chaloner.

To be Sold by Public Vendue,
On Tuesday the 9th of Nov. next, at 5 o'clock in the
Evening, at the Coffee House in Second Street,
TWO undivided Third-Parts of

16,000 acres of Land, situate on Lamb-waxim
and Middle-creek, in the county of Northampton.
The land is surveyed, and held under warrants
from the Land-Office, surveying fees and purchase
money paid, but NOT patented.

A draft and description of the land may be seen
from the above Coffee House.
Conditions of sale are—One half of the purchase
money to be paid at the time of sale, and the remain-
ing half in twelve months, giving security if required.
Sept. 25

John Patton, Auctioneer.

For Charleston,
The Brig PHILADELPHIA,
MATTHEW STRONG, Master;

Will sail on Saturday the 3d day of next month,
For freight or passage apply to the Captain on board,
at Glaser's wharf, Office and Bldg, Second Street,
or

Who have for sale—Rice, Indigo, sweet oil, and
permacetti candles, of the first quality. Sept. 25

For the Ship Delaware,
WILLIAM JONES, Master,
Is now ready to Load for

CHARLESTON,
And is intended to sail the 7th of the 10th month.

The Delaware is a new ship, built in the best manner
of cedar and live oak, is fitted and found in every
thing necessary, and accommodated for passengers,
equal if not superior to any vessel ever in the trade—
For freight or passage apply to the Captain on board,
at Clifford's wharf, or at his house in Front above
Callowhill Street, or to

JAMES & SHOEMAKER,
Who have for sale—Indigo of various qualities, in
large and small casks, Rice, Tobacco, Coffee Soap,
Madder, Blacklead, Eysal and Madeira Wines and a
few barrels of Beer. Oct. 7

For Liverpool,
The Ship GRANGE,
WILLIAM ROBERTS, Master;

A constant Trader, is intended to sail with all com-
modities. For freight or passage apply to the
Captain on board at the Old Ferry, Fourth wharf, or to

J. N. WARDER, PARKER, & CO.
Who have for sale from on board, coarse and fine
Salt of the first quality, and some excellent House
Coal. Oct. 7

For Amsterdam,
The Brig PHILADELPHIA PACKET,
JOHN EASTON, Master;

To sail in a few days. For freight or passage apply to
JACOB GERARD KOCH,
A constant Trader, is intended to sail with all com-
modities. For freight or passage apply to the
Captain on board at the Old Ferry, Fourth wharf, or to

J. N. WARDER, PARKER, & CO.
Who have for sale from on board, coarse and fine
Salt of the first quality, and some excellent House
Coal. Oct. 7

For NANTZ,
The Brigantine M F S O U R I,
Elias Bovey, Jr. Master, Commodore;

Will sail in two weeks, having the greatest part of
her cargo engaged. For freight or passage apply to
JOHN BARCLAY,
Who has for sale, a few tons of choice Cambray
Logwood. Oct. 7

For Savanna-la-Mar,
THE BRIG BRITANNIA,
CAPTAIN LAUGHTON,

To sail in eight days. For passage apply to the mas-
ter on board at Sykes' wharf, or to

KNOX & HENDERSON.
Who have imported in the hull from Cuba,
Woolen Drapery,
Consisting of coatings, broad cloths, blankets, fatstuffs,
laddings, durans, calimancoes, jeans, &c. &c. for
sale at their store in Front Street. Sept. 25

For Savannah,
(Georgia)
The Brigantine S A L L Y,
LLOYD WHARTON, Master;

To sail in a few days; chief of her cargo is ready to go
on board—For freight or passage apply to the Captain
on board, or to the subscribers at their comping-
house on McCall's and Packer's wharf.
Sept. 22. Oct. 7

PARKER & WHARTON.

For Baltimore,
The Sloop SALLY,
JOHN READ, Master;

Is a strong, round vessel, and has part of her cargo
engaged, and will sail with all convenient speed. For
freight or passage apply to the Master on board, now
lying the lower side of Walnut Street wharf.
Oct. 7

For Charter,
The Ship Isabella,
George Robinson, Master;

Now lying at Bright's wharf: a strong good ship,
British bottom, will carry upwards of 600 bushels
of tobacco, or 4000 barrels of flour. For terms apply to
JACOB DOWNING,
For sale from on board said ship, a quantity of
Harrington coal of an excellent quality for family or
other uses. Oct. 7

For Sale,
THE BRIG SOPHIA,
Now lying at Walnut-Street wharf:

She is a good vessel, built four years old, but
about 1000 barrels. An inventory may be seen, and
terms made known, by applying to Joseph Tager,
at Mrs. Cary's, near the Indian Quay, Fourth-
Street. Oct. 7

For Charter,
THE SHIP CESAR,
Captain WILLIAM PRICE,

For terms, apply to the Captain on board, at Clif-
ford's wharf, or to **JOHN THOMPSON,**
at Mrs. Stark's, Arch Street, between Front and Se-
cond Streets. Oct. 7

For Liverpool,
The American Ship the ADRIANA,
JOHN ROSECRUIK, Master.

Being intended for a constant Trader; she will sail
on the 25th October, and will return very early in the
spring. For freight or passage, apply to the Captain
on board, at Market Street wharf, or to

ANDREW CLOW & Co.
N. B. There are on board, for SALE, a few Tons
of excellent HOUSE COAL, and a parcel of BEER-
bottles. Oct. 7

For Liverpool,
The Brig, J O H N M,
SAMUEL KELLY, Master;

A British vessel with a Mediterranean pass; she is a
franch good vessel, and her good accommodations
for passengers, is intended to sail shortly, greater part
of her cargo being provided; she can take in the value
of three hundred barrels on freight, for which, or pas-
sage apply to the Captain on board, or to

J. WARDER, PARKER, & CO.
Who have for sale—An Assortment of Coarse, bold
fine Liverpool floured Salt, and some large House Coal,
from on board said vessel. Oct. 7

For Liverpool,
(To sail on or about the 10th Octo.)
The British Ship L E V A N T,
Captain JAMES WEAVER;

A constant Trader; she is a remarkably fine vessel,
beached with copper, and sails extremely fast, her
accommodations for passengers are elegant and com-
modious—For freight or passage apply to the Captain
on board, or to

PHILIP NICKLIN
Who has received by the Levant, and for Sale at his
Store in Front Street,
Fine and coarse ground and narrow cloths
Castings, fises, balles and fannels, of various
kinds and qualities
Mens and boys hats
Velvets and cutwaters
Shallons, calimancoes, durans, wildbore, camblets
and fatinings
Printed calicoes, shawls and handkerchiefs
With many other Articles, suited to the Fall Season.
Also—Chinese excellent in quality, in hampers of
100 weight each
Shut in casks of 200 weight each
English Salt Canvas, of superior fabric, No. 1 & 2.
And House Coal of the best kind. Sept. 26, Oct. 7

English Glue, Spanish,
French and Carolina indigo, fig blue, madder, ground
redwood and ground brazil, logwood, fustic and
basillets, alum, coppers, roll brimstone, flour of
sulphur and sulphate, hyson, fanchong, hohea, and
other teas, coffee, chocolate, rice, barley and oat-
meal, nutmegs, cloves, mace, cinnamon, pepper, gin-
ger, and a few bags of pimento, cotton by the bag,
low priced writing and bond paper, a small quantity
plasters, bell eger vinegar for pickling and table use,
and divers other Articles, for SALE by

Benedict Dorje,
In Third, between Market Street and the Old Harp-
and Crown Taverns. Oct. 7

William and Joseph Sanford,
At their Store in Second Street, the Third door below
Arch Street, and nearly opposite the George Tavern,
HAVE FOR SALE,
On reasonable terms,—A neat assortment of
Woolens, Stuffs,
and other merchandize.

Just imported in the Flora from Liverpool, and the
Polly from Hull. Sept. 22

Andrew Clow & Co.
Have newly imported by the Levant and Adriana from
Liverpool and by the Apollo and Pique, from Lon-
don Moll Capital Assortment of

FALL GOODS;
CONSISTING OF
Woolens of all kinds,
Worsted, cotton and silk Hosiery
Velvets, thick fises, corduroys, &c.
Printed calicoes and chintzes
Stuffs of all kinds
Threads of all kinds, sewing silks, twills, &c.
These Goods have been bought at the different Manu-
factories, on remarkably low terms, and they will be
sold for Cash, or on Short Credit, at a very small ad-
vance. Oct. 7

Just Arrived in the Brig Mary,
Klein Fitzpatrick, Master, from Amsterdam,
A NUMBER OF

Healthy Servants;
Among whom are, Taylors, Shoemakers, Joiners,
Blacksmiths and Wagners, and a few BOYS and
GIRLS. For terms of Indenture apply to the Capt.
on board, or to **GEORGE MEADE,**
N. B. Said BRIG will take FREIGHT for the
West Indies or Charleston. Oct. 7

Broad-cloths,
A few PIECES just opened, and for SALE by
Peter Bight,
Water-Street, just above Market-Street,
ALSO,
Jamaica Green Coffee,
Pimento and Spirits,
Sept. 11. Oct. 7

Philip Nicklin
Has for SALE at his STORES in Front, near Clif-
ford's wharf, and in the City, a quantity of
LONDON particular, London
market, and New-York Madeira Wine, in pipes,
hightlights and quatercasks
Tortoise Wine in pipes
Red and white Lead and Patent Yellow, in casks of
various sizes
Put and Bar Lead
Window Glass, 8 by 20
Italian Marble Slabs—And a General
Assortment of Dry Goods. Oct. 7

William & John Stigweaves
Have just received by the late Arrivals from London
and Liverpool, and are now selling at their Store
in Front, below Chestnut-Street—A very GENERAL
Assortment of

Woolens and other Goods,
Suitable to the Season—Among which are,
BROADCLOTHS, coatings, duffels, fizes, striped
and rule blankets, rug, plains, heartkins, fash-
ionables, fashions, fannels, balles, half-trunks, Welsh
and Kendal cottons, linseys, corduroys, camblets,
mooseys, jeans, durans, calimancoes, shallons,
bird-eye fallings, flannelings, valentias, velvets,
thickies, corduroys, royal ribs, tollonies, machie
pluth, printed cottons and calicoes, cotton bawls,
kintings and clear lawns, lawn and muslin handker-
chiefs, apron wide lawns, leno, long lawns and cam-
bricks, mens and womens gloves, black and coloured
silk handkerchiefs, ferrals, rods, &c. &c.

Also—A neat Assortment of
Plain and fashionable Hosiery,
coarse felt hats, powder ribbons, best Zein Towel,
powder and Boot, Crew by steel, tin plates, window
glass, fine card wire, &c. &c. Sept. 25. Oct. 7

Irish Linens,
IMPORTED IN THE TWO BROTHERS, Capt. GEDDIE,
From DUBLIN,
For SALE BY
Thomas Lea.

Also a few Pieces FINE FLANNELS, 12 1/2
James and William Miller,
At their STORE in Chestnut-Street,
Between Front and Second Streets, North side of the
way, in the house lately occupied by the Fishman
tary, James Biddle, Esq. and formerly by Mr. John
Field, HAVE JUST RECEIVED,
By the Ship FLORA, from Liverpool,
A Handome and General

Assortment of GOODS,
Suitable to the season; which they will dispose of low
for cash, or short credit.
JAMES MILLER requests all persons indebted to
him to call and discharge their accounts,
Philadelphia, Sept. 24. Oct. 7

Imported in the late Vessels from
Europe, and Opening for Sale by
James Smith, junr.
At his STORE on the west side of Front, near Arch
Street, at the most reasonable prices,
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF
DRY GOODS;
Suitable for the season—Particularly,
Woolens, worsted & yarn Hosiery;
Also, the following
INDIA GOODS;
Sattins, taffetas and Padamony, handkerchiefs, handker-
chiefs, book muslins and muslin handkerchiefs, and
mankens. Sept. 28. Oct. 7

John Swire & Co.
Have imported in the ships Levant and Flora, and
Brig John, from Liverpool,
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
FALL GOODS;
Which they will sell on the lowest terms for cash or
short credit, at their STORE in Chestnut Street,
between Front and Second Street, north side of the
way. Sept. 26. Oct. 7

JUST LANDING,
From on board the brig Trinidad, James Byrne,
master, from Tenerife, a small quantity of the very
best quality of
Teneriffe particular Wine,
In pipes, hightlights, and quarter casks.
Ditto, of the Second Quality, in Ditto.
For Sale on reasonable Terms by
John Leamy.

Who has also for Sale,
Sherry Wine in quarter Casks;
Six years old, best white wine vinegar, cotton in bales,
raffin in double barrels, bloom do. in jars and boxes,
capers &c. Also
A few thousand good Cedar Shingles.

Fresh Woolens
By the Birmingham, Capt. Kerr, from Bristol.

Peter Bight
Has just received and is now opening for sale in Water
Street, just above Market-Street,
BROAD CLOTHS, various prices and very fashions,
sable coatings
Bath coatings
Callimans
Low priced narrow cloths
Eys, plains and kerries, in very convenient packages
Also, a few lbs. fall-down-handle tea kettles, and
warming pans. Oct. 7

Carolina Indigo,
FOR SALE BY
Robert Henderfon,
Five doors above Chestnut, in Second Street, west side.
Oct. 7

FOR SALE, BY
Peter Le Maigre,
In Water, between Arch and Race Streets,
BOURDEAUX Claret, 8 years
old, of an excellent quality, in boxes of thirty
bottles
Ditto in casks, 4 years old
Ditto Wine in half pipes
Bourdeaux Sugar in hightlights and barrels.
Also—French Burr Mill-Stones of
the first quality, to be disposed of Cheap, for Country
Produce. Sept. 12. Oct. 7



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Nail ACT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
In the Year of our LORD, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

AN Act for regulating the Manufacture of Nails, made for Sale or Exportation within this Commonwealth, and repealing all Laws heretofore made for that Purpose.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the first day of September next, all nails exposed for sale or exportation in any town or place within this Commonwealth, shall be of the size following, that is to say:

Every thousand of two penny nails shall weigh one pound and fourteen ounces, and each nail shall measure not less in length than three quarters of an inch.

Every thousand of three penny nails shall weigh two pounds and eight ounces, and each nail shall measure not less in length than seven eighths of an inch.

Every thousand of four penny nails shall weigh three pounds and twelve ounces, and each nail shall measure not less in length than one inch and a quarter.

Every thousand of five penny nails shall weigh four pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than one inch and three quarters.

Every thousand of six penny nails shall weigh five pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one eighth.

Every thousand of seven penny nails shall weigh six pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one half.

Every thousand of eight penny nails shall weigh seven pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one quarter.

Every thousand of nine penny nails shall weigh eight pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one half.

Every thousand of ten penny nails shall weigh nine pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one quarter.

Every thousand of eleven penny nails shall weigh ten pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one half.

Every thousand of twelve penny nails shall weigh eleven pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one quarter.

Every thousand of thirteen penny nails shall weigh twelve pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one half.

Every thousand of fourteen penny nails shall weigh thirteen pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one quarter.

Every thousand of fifteen penny nails shall weigh fourteen pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one half.

Every thousand of sixteen penny nails shall weigh fifteen pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one quarter.

Every thousand of seventeen penny nails shall weigh sixteen pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one half.

Every thousand of eighteen penny nails shall weigh seventeen pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one quarter.

Every thousand of nineteen penny nails shall weigh eighteen pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one half.

Every thousand of twenty penny nails shall weigh nineteen pounds, and each nail shall measure not less in length than two inches and one quarter.

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall knowingly put into any case, after the same has been branded and inspected as aforesaid, any nails which have not been examined and approved of by the Inspector of the town where said nails were manufactured, and shall expose the same for sale, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, shall for every case exposed for sale, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds, to be recovered and appropriated as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every thousand of nails shall be computed, not less than five score to the hundred, and all nails which may be manufactured for sale or exportation as aforesaid, shall be made of iron of a suitable quality, tough, well wrought and rose headed.

And be it further enacted, That if any manufacturer of nails, shall presume to sell any nails of either of the denominations aforesaid, not being of the quality and size required by this act, shall for every thousand of nails so sold, forfeit and pay the sum of five shillings, and in the same proportion for a lesser quantity; to be sued for and recovered to the use of the prosecutor, in any Court proper to try the same.

Be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be considered as contravening the manufacture and sale of nails cut and made from cold iron any thing therein to the contrary notwithstanding: And all laws heretofore made regulating the making nails are hereby repealed.

In the House of Representatives, February 29, 1790.

This bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

DAVID COBB, Speaker.

In Senate, February 22, 1790.

This bill having had two several readings passed to be enacted.

THOMAS DAWES, President, pro tem.

Approved.

JOHN HANCOCK.

True copy—Attest.

JOHN AVERY, jun. Secretary.

Congress of America.

SECOND SESSION.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

SUNDAY REMONSTRANCES AND PETITIONS READ AND REFERRED.—The report of the committee on the memorial respecting the slave trade being the order of the day.

Mr. Benson after presenting that any further discussion of the subject in the line it was now in, would be a useless expense of time—moved that the committee of the whole should be discharged from any further attention to the report—and that the memorial be again referred to a select committee; he offered a variety of reasons on which he founded this motion.

This was seconded by Mr. Baldwin, who at the same time entered into a lengthy discussion of the subject.—Mr. Baldwin was followed by many other gentlemen which gave the business a totally different direction from what appeared to be the object of the motion.

The question being taken, Mr. Benson's motion was lost—the House then went into a committee of the whole, on the report—the debate was continued with ardor—and the speakers on both sides were numerous; several alterations in the report were agreed to—but the committee rose without finishing the business, and the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

Hon. Hugh Williamson, member from the State of North Carolina, appeared, was qualified, and took his seat this day.

A message was received from the Senate, with two bills which they have passed with amendments, viz. An act to provide for the redemption or mitigation of slaves, forfeitures and penalties in certain cases—and an act to establish a uniform rule of naturalization.

Sundry reports from the heads of departments, on memorials and petitions were read.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, the report of the committee on the memorial of Robert Morris, Esq. was read the second time—the report respecting the settlement of his accounts, only.

Mr. Sherman moved that a committee of five members be appointed, to enquire into the

receipts and expenditures of public monies during the administration of Robert Morris, Esq. late superintendent of finance—and to report to the House a state of the accounts respecting the same.—This motion after some debate was agreed to—and Mr. Sherman, Mr. Madison, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Seligman, and Mr. Smith (S. C.) appointed.

In committee of the whole, the report of the committee on the slave trade under consideration.—The fourth proposition respecting a duty of ten dollars on slaves imported, being read, it was moved that it be struck out, which motion after much debate was adopted. Several modifications of the fifth proposition were offered, but the following in substance offered by Mr. Madison was agreed to, viz. Congress have authority to restrain the citizens of the United States, who are concerned in the African trade, from supplying Foreigners with slaves; and to provide for their humane treatment, while on their passages to the United States.

The committee then rose, and the House adjourned till Monday next.

(To be continued.)

The British Packet Antelope, which arrived at New-York, in 62 days from Falmouth, has brought English newspapers to the 9th of January, from which we have selected the following

European Intelligence.

LONDON, Jan. 9.

OUR letters from Paris on Thursday, bring us curious intelligence. The Marquis de la Fayette received information of a new conspiracy, being formed against the liberties of the people.

He made known to the King, what he had discovered, but at the same time said, that he had not heard enough to justify him in any proceedings. He made further enquiries, however, and learned that a Monsieur de Favras, a gentleman in the suite of Monsieur the King's brother, had been endeavoring to corrupt the National militia—that a number of high persons were concerned, and that the plan was to corrupt some of the Paris guards, with which they were to seize on the Government of Paris—to kill the Mayor, the Marquis de la Fayette, and other distinguished patriots. Two officers engaged in the plot made this confession, and on Thursday last the Sieur de Favras, his wife, and two more persons were taken up—and the guards were in pursuit of several others.

Whatever truth there may be in this new plot, had a most extraordinary effect in inflaming the public mind—and in a paper published on Friday, it was asserted, that Monsieur the King's brother was concerned—and that, in particular, a loan had been negotiated in his name, and money raised for the purpose of carrying into execution this new contrivance.—This accusation induced Monsieur to go to the Assembly of the Representatives of the Commons, at the Hotel-de-Ville, (which answers to our Court of Common Council at Guildhall) on Saturday afternoon.—He was received with ceremony by twelve members, and placed next to the Mayor. A respectful silence succeeded to universal plaudits, and Monsieur addressed them a speech to the following effect:—

"The Sieur de Favras having been, on the evening of the preceding Thursday, arrested under suspicion of a conspiracy against the Chiefs of the Municipality, and against the peace and liberty of the public—there appeared a paper, as audacious as calumnious, in which he had been implicated, as having had particular connections with the Sieur de Favras. Monsieur declared, that in quality of a citizen of Paris, he had thought it his duty to come into the midst of his fellow citizens, to explain the relation in which he stood with this suspected individual, who had been for some time in his suite. He said, that having occasion for a sum of money for the expenses of his household, the Sieur de Favras had offered to procure a loan for him, of two millions, from the Dutch Bankers—he had accepted the offer, and had signed obligations to this amount. This was the whole of the negotiation he had with the Sieur de Favras.

Monsieur added, "that he was sure they did not expect to hear him attempt to justify himself from any participation in an enterprise so infamous as the conspiracy in question—that his public conduct, and his well-known sentiments would put him above all such suspicions—that after the second meeting of the Notables he had foreseen the revolution, and that, on every occasion, he had demonstrated himself to be a friend to the liberty of the people, and the public good. I have always thought (said Monsieur) that the authority of the King ought to be the basis of national liberty, as national liberty is the firmest support of the authority of the King."

This speech was delivered with elegance and simplicity—and, both in the style and manner, was correct and polished. It was received with the most lively acclamations.

The Mayor answered his Highness with that propriety and elevation of sentiment which has characterized his eloquence through the whole of his memorable progress.—As Mayor of Paris, he did not rise, but spoke sitting, as Monsieur had done.

The flame of liberty has at length reached even Rome, where the populace, headed by many of the most ancient families, have already demanded a municipal and free government.—His Holiness the Pope was at Fieschi, when our Chiefs left Italy; but his return was fixed for Christmas eve, when a categorical answer to the popular requisitions was looked for.

FRANCE.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

December 30.

THE articles proposed on Monday, to oblige all persons concerned in the management of public money, to give in their accounts, with retrospection of ten years, to the New Assemblies of Administration, were decreed.

The following letter from Monsieur was read:—

"MR. PRESIDENT,

"The detention of M. Favras having been the occasion of calumnies, in which an inclination was shewn to involve me; and the Committee of Police for the city having the affair at this moment before them, I thought it became me to make a declaration to the Community of Paris, that should leave the minds of worthy citizens none of those doubts with which endeavors had been used to inspire them.—I also think it my duty to inform the National Assembly of this step, because the King's brother ought to preserve himself even from suspicion, and because the affair of M. de Favras is of too serious a nature not to engage the attention of the Assembly sooner or later.—As I cannot in person deliver to the Assembly my desire that all the details respecting this business should be publicly known, I shall be much obliged to you to read this letter in my name, and also the speech which I delivered the day before yesterday, as the faithful expression of my trust and most profound sentiments.

"I entreat you, Mr. President, to be persuaded of my affectionate regard.

(Signed) "LOUIS ZAVIER,"

It may be proper to add here, that the Committee, at the Hotel de Ville, have ordered Thomas de Mahi, Marquis of Favras, and Victoria Edwidge Caroline, Princess of Anhalt-Chambray, his wife, to be presented; and also offered a reward of 500 louis d'ors to any person who shall discover the author of a written hand-bill, signed Barzuz, charging Monsieur with being an accomplice in the crime alleged against him.

LONDON.

The Herald informs us, that M. de Mirabeau comes into the National Assembly to-morrow. The World speaks of his nineteenth day. As both their prints are venal, and virulent traducers of French patriotism, there is reason to believe, that they have suppressed the addition of Vicomte, that the public might confound the perfidious spoken of with the Count de Mirabeau, and thus load him with the obloquy of rebels and of broils. The persons of whom the two paragraphs are true, is the Vicomte de Mirabeau, the brother and enemy of the Great Mirabeau.

It is reported that the Turks have at last released M. de Bulgakow, the Russian Minister, from the seven towers, and that he embarked on board a Badine French frigate, commanded by the Prince de Rohan, which arrived at Tulle the 3d ultimo, after a passage of twenty-one days, from the Dardanelles.



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—

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FOR SALE. Enquire at this Office.
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A Supply of WEBSTER'S
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August 22^r

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THE NATIVE AMERICAN.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1813.

"UNITED WE STAND—DIVIDED WE FALL."

[No. 47.]

NOTICE.

THE subscribers continue to carry on the

Carriage Making Business, in all its various branches. Any person wishing to purchase, can be accommodated with carriages of any description, at short notice. They have on hand, several second hand Chaises and Sulkeys to be sold on reasonable terms.

One year having elapsed since the firm commenced, they request a settlement of all accounts.

Baldwin & Harris.

Two or three apprentices are wanted at the above business. Boys from 14 to 16 years of age, of a good character will meet with good encouragement. B. & H.

Nowich, Jan. 13.

Probate Office, ss. District of Norwich, January 5, 1813.

MR. Ebenezer Hyde, Jr. Administrator to the estate of **DUDLEY WILLIAMS,** late of Norwich (supposed to be deceased) represents the circumstances of said estate to be such that it will likely be insolvent; the said Administrator is directed to advertise the same in the *Native American*, that all persons interested may appear before the Judge of this Court on the first Tuesday of February next, and shew reasons, if any they may have, why Commissioners should not be appointed on said estate. Test under the Judge.

EPH HUNTINGTON, Clerk.

ON Thursday evening last, between the subscriber, dwelling-house and Chelsea-landing, a trained and curried flesh **Calf** was

lost, shall be reasonably rewarded.

James Davenport.

Nowich, Jan. 12.

SIX months from this date, is allowed by the hon. Court of Probate for the district of Plainfield, for the creditors to the estate of

Elder AMOS CRANDAL,

late of Voluntown deceased, to exhibit their claims against said estate, or be debarred a recovery agreeable to law.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

AMOS CHAPMAN, Executor.

Voluntown, Dec. 1, 1812.

The above advertisement was dated wrong in the first insertions, the error is now corrected.

Probate Office, ss. District of Norwich, January 4, 1813.

CAPT. Burrill Woodworth, Guardian to Rosamond Cracker, a minor of the town of Franklin, requests an order for the sale of the real estate belonging to said minor.

The Court therefore directs the said Guardian to advertise the same in the *Native American* three weeks, that all persons interested may appear before the Judge of this Court, on the first Tuesday of March next, at 9 o'clock, A. M. and shew reasons, if any they have, why said request should not be granted. A true copy of record.

Test JOSEPH HUNTINGTON, Ck.

For 6 Months

HAS the subscriber been distributing the *Native American*, and he now calls upon all those who have taken of him to make a settlement. This step is necessary to the continuance of his labors; as unless he receives pay agreeable to the conditions of the paper, he will be necessitated to stop riding. The lawyer will laugh to receive his fee.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Post-Office, Norwich, January 1, 1813.

MARIAH H. CAREW, Susan Care, Eber Edwards, Ebenezer Frost, Jerusha Gifford, John Huntington, John Bestow, William Lester, Zachariah Lathrop, Henry Trumbull, Elisha Tracy, Linnard Spicer, John Salter, 2, Nabby Woodworth, Christian Yergerson.—*Norwich.*
John Stanton, Asa Woodworth.—*Berab.*

Phineas Cornin, Thomas Abell, 2, Timothy Ayer, Stephen Brewster, Edward P. Cook, Lavinia Greenlit, Darius Ladd, Jonathan Rudd.—*Franklin.*
Benjamin Burnham, William Bottom, Joseph Bishop, Joseph French, Abijah Fuller, Lucy Eames, Levi Perkins.—*Liben.*

To the Public!

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public, that he has commenced the Cotton-Factory Weaving, and has on hand a general assortment of Cotton Yarn both of colors & numbers, of quality equal if not superior to any ever manufactured. For the proof of which, good weavers are requested to call and try the same by experience. The highest prices will be given for weaving, and Cotton yarn at a low price in payment.

JOHN D. SMITH.

Stonington, near hd. of Mistick Dec. 22.

THE SUBSCRIBER PURCHASES

Chestnut COAL.

Sells at his Slaughter-House, at reduced prices:—

Beef Heads, Harleth, Nodds—

He also offers for Sale,

Beef Tongues,

Pork Hams, &c. &c.

ELISHA TRACY.

Nowich, Nov. 17, 1812.

ALMANACKS for 1813,

For sale at the *American Office.*

BROKE into the enclosure of the subscriber, about the 10th inst. a brindle and white yearling HEIFER, with a salt the under side of her left ear. The owner is desired to pay charges and take her away.

Jacob Pember.

Franklin, Nov. 27.

LOST,

ON Monday the 19th inst. between

Perry's iron-works and Samuel Babcock's hotel, a red Morocco

POCKET-BOOK, some defaced, containing eight or ten dollars in bank bills and some other papers of value to none but the owner.

Whoever has found said Book and will leave it at Babcock's, or give information where it may be had, shall be reasonably rewarded and receive the thanks of the owner.

JESSE WILDER, jr.

Richmond, Oct. 20, 1812.

The Subscriber

WILL contract for making suit of

Regimental Clothes and Shirts, and wishes to purchase a large quantity of

Linen Thread both brown and white,

Fat OXEN, and

PORK in the Hog.

ELISHA TRACY, Dep. Commissary.

Nowich, Dec. 1.

WOOD.

THOSE who calculate to pay the Printer in this article are requested to bring it immediately. By which means they will supercede the necessity of his paying the Cash for it; in which case he

A FEW BOOKS,

MAY be had at the Office of the *Native American*,

—Among which are—

American Miscellany, 2 vols.

Marmontel's Memoirs, 2 vols.

M'Ewen on the Types,

Orton's Religious Exercises,

Gamster's Progress, a Poem,

Saybrook Platform,

Smith's Hymns,

John De Lancaster, 2 vols.

Romantic Tales, by M.G. Lewis 2 vols.

Uncle Thomas,

Pills, poetical, political, and philosophical, a Poem,

Toy Books, &c.

School-Books.

Elements of Useful Knowledge,

Columbian Orator,

American Preceptor,

Testaments,

Diboll's Arithmetick,

Roper's do.

Murray's Grammar, abridged,

Webster's Spelling-Book,

Primers, &c.

Writing-Paper,

Quills by the gross or dozen.

December 9.

Strayed from the subscriber,

on the first September last,

a two year old STEERS, dark brown,

with smooth crop and half-penny off the ear. Also, one three year old

HEIFER, black and white fled, and

a two year old HEIFER of a brindle

steers. Whoever will take up said

cattle and inform the subscriber where

they are shall be well paid for their

trouble.

Elijah Barry.

Groton, North Society, Dec. 8.

TAKE NOTICE.

THOSE indebted to the late firm of

Lamb and Brown,

on Book are requested to call & settle their

accounts either by payment or note. Those

who neglect will be called on in a different

manner. Payment by those indebted by

Note would oblige

H. F. LAMB, and

E. BROWN.

Breton, (Poquet.) Dec. 8, 1812.

POCKET-BOOK LOST.

LOST, between Capt. Daniel Meach's

in North-Stonington, and Norwich-

Landing, or in the Landing, a red Mor-

occo Pocket-Book, containing 3 dollars in

bills on Washington, and New-London

Banks, also, a number of papers and

Notes of hand, which can be of no value

to any but the owner. Whoever has found

the above Pocket-Book, shall be entitled to

the money, and a reasonable reward, by

leaving it with the papers it contained,

at the *American Office*, at Capt. Daniel

Meach's North-Stonington, or by deliver-

ing it to the subscriber.

WM. TORK.

North-Stonington, Nov. 12, 1812.

A FARM

FOR Sale, lying in the

town of Columbia, containing

fifty-one acres, well proportioned into

mowing, plowing, pasturing, and wood

land, with a small House and Barn

thereon, and well situated for a trader

or mechanic of any kind. For further

particulars, enquire of SYLVESTER

MARLY living near the premises.

NOTICE.

THE Book accounts of the late firm of

Ripley & Baldwin.

are transferred to ELIPHALET RIPLEY,

one of said firm, and are now

lodged with me for collection. All

persons indebted to said firm by book,

are requested to make immediate pay-

ment to

ROSSELL MORGAN, Attorney

to ELIPHALET RIPLEY.

Nowich, Dec. 29.

FOR SALE

A FARM,

LYING in Franklin, eight

miles from Norwich-Landing,

containing 185 acres of land, known

by the name of the *Walbridge or Scott*

Farm, well proportioned into mowing,

plowing, pasturing, extraordinary wood-

land, and about 14 acres of excellent

orcharding, principally grafted fruit,

and also other fruit trees, with a good

House, Barn, and out-houses, and a

blacksmith-shop thereon. Said farm

will be sold on accommodating terms.

SHUBAEL SMITH.

Franklin, Dec. 22.

THE hon. Court of Pro-

bate, for the District of Nor-

wich, has allowed six months from the

3d day of Instant November, for the

Creditors to the estate of

FLAVIUS WARTERMAN,

late of Franklin deceased, to exhibit

their claims for settlement and appoint-

ed the subscribers commissioners to

receive and adjust the same, said estate

being represented insolvent. We here-

by give notice that all persons attend-

ing to the business of our appointment on the

last Monday of January next, and on

the last Monday of April next, at one

o'clock P. M. on each of said days, at

the dwelling House of JARVIS WILLIS

in Franklin.

ELEAZER TRACY, } Com'rs.

OTHNIEL GAGER, }

Franklin, Nov. 3d, 1812.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

FROM the enclosure of the sub-

scriber on the 27th of Novem-

ber, a black MARE, with a white

stripe in her face, about 10 years old,

in good flesh, shod all round, (belongs

to BENJAMIN PALMER of Voluntown).

Whoever will return said MARE, or

give information where she may be

found to said PALMER, or to the sub-

scriber, shall be generously rewarded.

Amos Palmer.

Stonington-Boro' Dec. 4.

WE the subscribers being

appointed Commissioners, by

the Hon. Court of Probate, for the dis-

trict of Windham, to receive examine

and adjust the claims of the Creditors

to the Estate of

SETH CAREY,

late of Lebanon deceased, represented

insolvent, and six months from this

date is to be allowed for the creditors

to exhibit their claims properly attest-

ed. We hereby give notice that we

will attend to the business of our ap-

pointment on the last Monday in Fe-

bruary, and the last Monday in April

next, at the house of SIMON WILLIAMS.

SIMON WILLIAMS, } Com'rs.

ISAIAH WILLIAMS, }

Lebanon, Dec. 1, 1812.

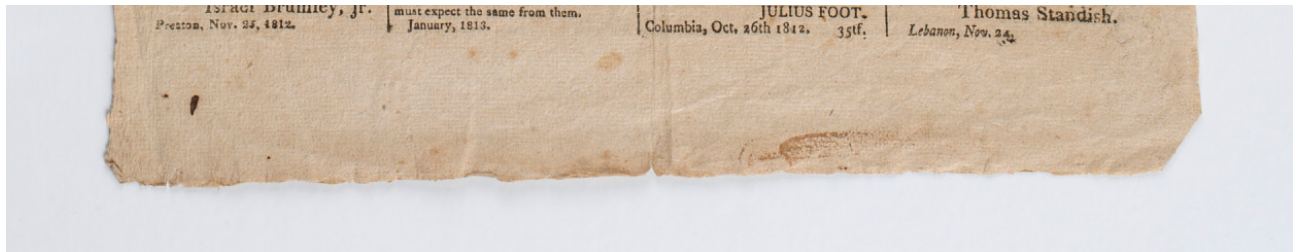
BROKE into the inclosure of the sub-

scriber, about the 12th of Nov.

a red yearling HEIFER, no artificial

mark. The owner is desired to prove prop-

erty, pay charges, and take her away.



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